# Schools’ fee hikes and unclear charges intensify financial strain on parents



The financial pressures on parents caused by arbitrary fee increases and unclear charges by certain educational institutions have become a pressing concern, according to a report from Brighter Kashmir. The news outlet highlights a growing crisis in which schools, traditionally viewed as centres for learning and development, are enacting policies that place significant financial burdens on families.

Issues raised include retroactive fee hikes and a practice of withholding students’ monthly results until all outstanding dues are paid, creating stress for both children and their parents. The situation has reportedly worsened, with some schools barring students from attending Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs), refusing to take attendance, and declining to review homework for those whose fees are unpaid.

These actions have led to emotional and mental distress among families already struggling to meet escalating educational expenses. Brighter Kashmir emphasises that such administrative practices obstruct access to education and exert unfair financial pressure on households, undermining the principle of education as a basic right.

The report calls on journalists, editors, and media professionals to investigate and bring greater transparency to the issue. It advocates for increased public discussion, expert analysis, and policy reforms aimed at holding educational institutions accountable and preventing exploitation through fee manipulation.

The developments outlined by Brighter Kashmir reflect a broader concern regarding education affordability and institutional accountability, placing a spotlight on the need for systemic solutions to ensure equitable access to schooling.

Source: [Noah Wire Services](https://www.noahwire.com)

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